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FOR SHLAUDEMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUGAR PURCHASE

REF: STATE 168889

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECT SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 (OTHER SUBJECT WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL), SOMOZA EXPRESSED HIS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER APPARENT PURCHASE BY HONDURAS OF 10,000 TONS OF SUGAR FROM CUBA. SOMOZA SAID THAT SOME WEEKS AGO HONDURAS HAD APPROACHED NICARAGUAN SUGAR INTERESTS IN EFFORT TO PURCHASE SUGAR, BUT THAT THESE INTERESTS, PRIMARILY HEADED BY ALFREDO PELLAS, HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO SELL SUGAR TO HONDURAS BECAUSE OF THE BELIEF THAT IT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR NICARAGUAN SUGAR QUOTA ALLOTMENT TO THE US, I. E., NICARAGUAN SUGAR WOULD REPLACE HONDURAN SUGAR SHIPPED UNDER QUOTA TO US.

2. SOMOZA BELIEVES THAT PURCHASE OF SUGAR BY HONDURAS FROM CUBA ESTABLISHES SERIOUS PRECEDENT WHICH SHOULD BE AVOIDED, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO INTERCEDE WITH GENERAL LOPEZ

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TO ATTEMPT TO BLOCK PURCHASE IF HE (SOMOZA) COULD ASSURE

NICARAGUAN SUGAR INTERESTS THAT THEY COULD SUPPLY 10,000 TONS TO
HONDURAS WITHOUT IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZING NICARAGUAN SUGAR INTERESTS
TO US QUOTA.

3. IF IT IS BELIEVED THIS PROPOSAL OFFERS A VIABLE SOLUTION,
WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE ADVISE.
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